Funds for road projects

1768. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to held up the second round of funding for road building under the Golden Quadrilateral and East-West and North-South Corridor Project;

(b) vi/hether it was found that a few States had diverted funds meant for road building to other areas; and

(c) whether disbursements under the CRF kitty are going as per the schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a)No, Sir.

(b) The Golden Quadrilateral and East-West and North-South Corridor Projects are being implemented directly by National Highways Authority of India and therefore the question of diversion of funds by States, does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. The disbursement of funds from CRF for National Highways Development Project (NHDP) is going on as per the schedule.

Suggestions of Road Safety Forum

1769. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASRA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANS PORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Highways Authority of India is not acting and responding positively to the various suggestions made by the Road Safety Forum to improve road safety;

(b) if so, what steps NHAI would take to co-operate and improve road safety in public interest;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Forum wants to suggest various measures to enhance road safety;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to get the matter examined at higher level; and

(e) what steps NHAI would take to carry along diverse opinions in this matter in public interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a)